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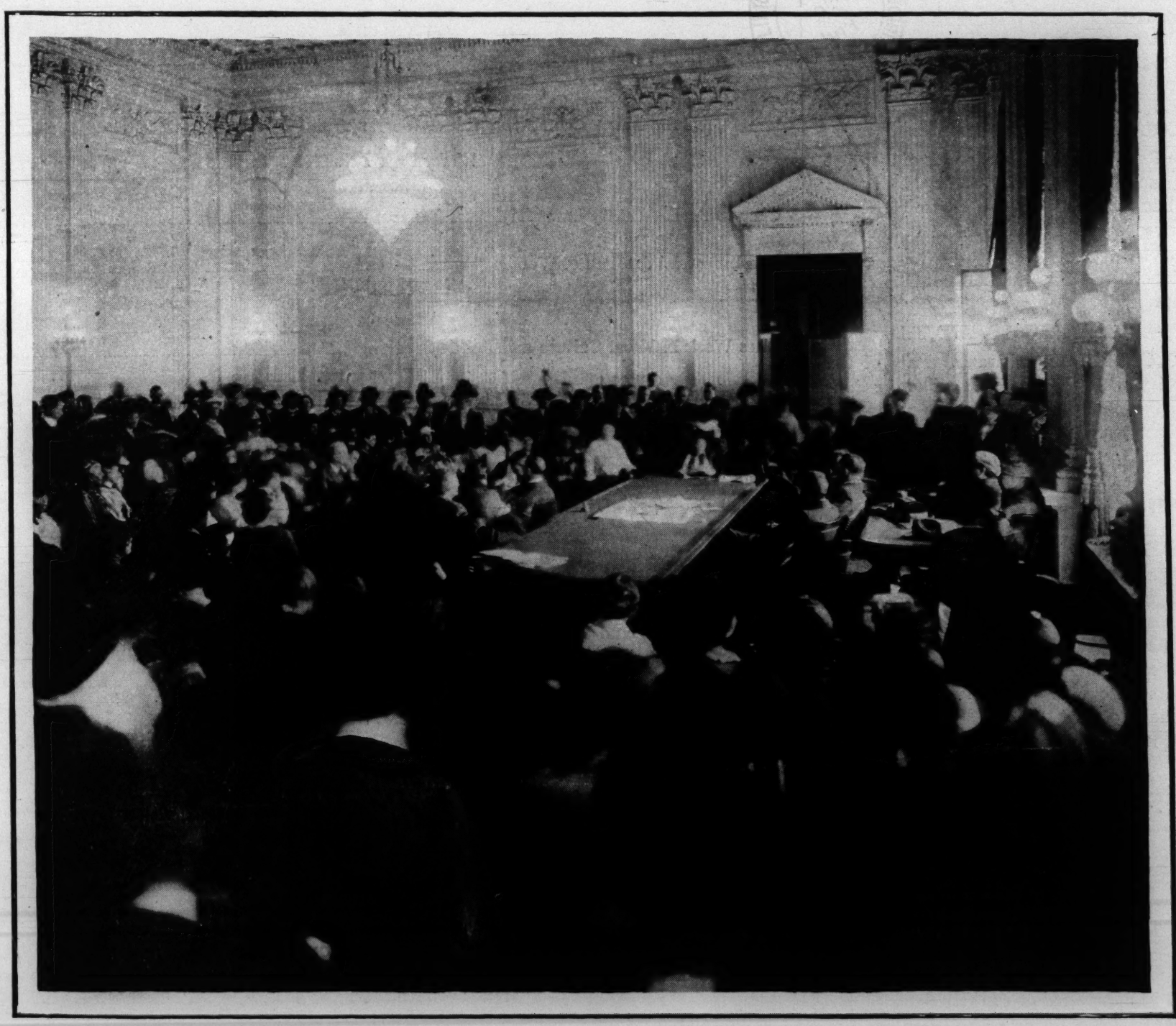

HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 5, 1913
MRS. JOHN ROGERS, JR., OF NEW YORK, SPEAKING

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

SITUATION IN CONGRESS

THE resolution creating a Standing Committee on Woman Suffrage in the House of Representatives, is still before the House Rules Committee. A report is expected immediately.

SUFFRAGE SCHOOL

The Suffrage School continued the second and last week of its existence with remarkable success. Miss Mary Dreier, president of the Woman's Trade Union League of New York; Dr. A. H. Abel, Professor of History at Goucher College, Mr. Lynn Haines, author of "The 62nd Congress;" Mrs. Robert M. La Follette; and Mrs. William Kent, of California, were among the speakers.

A course of six lectures in Parliamentary Law was given by Mrs. Nannette Paul; a class in Vocal Culture was conducted during the week by Mrs. Randolph Keith Forrest, and open-air meetings, in which the students took part, were held under the direction of Miss Mabel Vernon.

MEN'S LEAGUE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, rector of the first Unitarian Church; the Rev. Henry N. Couden, "the blind chaplain" of the House of Representatives, and the Hon. Wendell P. Stafford, justice of the Supreme Court, have joined the District of Columbia Men's League for Woman Suffrage.

ANNIVERSARY AT MRS. KENT'S

TO CELEBRATE the anniversary of the day when the Headquarters of the Congressional Committee were first opened in Washington one year ago, a meeting has been announced for Friday, January 2, 1914, at the home of Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent of California, 1925 F Street Northwest.

Mrs. Kent, who has from the first taken an active part in the work done at headquarters, has offered her home for the afternoon. A review of the efforts of the Congressional Committee for the past year will be given and plans for the continuation of the work will be presented and discussed.

The home of Mrs. Kent has seen a number of notable meetings during the year since Headquarters were established.

A committee of one hundred, of which Mrs. Kent is chairman, has been organized to collect the rent for the Headquarters for 1914, at the beginning of the coming year.

The committee will comprise a number of the most prominent Suffrage workers in Washington. The methods to be pursued in raising money will be thoroughly threshed out. The list of one hundred has not yet been completed, but will be announced at an early date.

A necessary extension of space has necessitated an increased sum to be expended for rent. A number of departments have been added to the original scope of the work. Several offices have been engaged for department heads who are at present houseless.

Program of Last Week of Suffrage School

Monday, December 15th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class in Parliamentary Law (I) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. NANNETTE PAUL, LL. B., of the Faculty of Washington College of Law.

Lobbying (VI) 11.00-12.00
Mrs. SHERMAN BOOTH, Member Legislative Committee of Illinois Suffrage Association.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking 2.30-3.30
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST, Graduate Sargent School of Acting.

The College Equal Suffrage League 3.30-4.30
Miss ELSIE HILL, President College Suffrage League of D. C.

Tuesday, December 16th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class in Parliamentary Law (II) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. NANNETTE PAUL, LL. B.

Position of Women in the Orient 11.00-12.00
Madame LYDIA MOUNTFORD, of Palestine.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking (II) 2.30-3.30
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST.

The Industrial Position of Women (I) 3.30-4.30
Miss MARY DREIER, President Woman's Trade Union League of New York.

Wednesday, December 17th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class in Parliamentary Law (III) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. NANNETTE PAUL, LL. B.

The Industrial Position of Women (II) 11.00-12.00
Miss MARY DREIER.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking (III) 2.30-3.30
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST.

The Political and Property Rights of Women in the Middle Ages 3.30-4.30
Dr. ABEL, Professor of History at Goucher College, Baltimore.

Thursday, December 18th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class in Parliamentary Law (IV) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. NANNETTE PAUL, LL. B.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking (IV) 2.30-3.30
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST.

The Organization and Working of Congress 3.30-4.30
Mr. LYNN HAINES, Author of "The Sixty-second Congress," etc.

Friday, December 19th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class in Parliamentary Law (V) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. NANNETTE PAUL, LL. B.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking (V) 2.30-3.30
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST.

Press Work 3.30-4.30
Mr. LEAVITT STODDARD, Washington Correspondent of the Boston Transcript.

Saturday, December 20th.

MORNING SESSIONS.

Class Work in Vocal Culture and Public Speaking (VI) 10.00-11.00
Mrs. RANDOLPH KEITH FORREST.

The Woman Suffrage Movement in England (1909 to present) 11.00-12.00
Miss LUCY BURNS.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

How to Reach the Rural Voter 3.30-4.30
Mrs. ROBERT LA FOLLETTE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BECAUSE of the greatly increased work of the Union in teaching the public why and how to obtain votes for women, our present Headquarters has become crowded and inadequate.

More room is imperatively necessary if we are to continue to carry on the work. We must lease quarters commensurate with the growth of the organization throughout the United States. For the prosecution of this task we are confronted with an increasing list of expenses which we rely upon those who believe in our cause to defray. We ask every woman and every man who believes in justice to woman to contribute to our growing fund. We require the constant financial support of all our friends.

Our immediate need is for money to lease larger quarters, where we can carry on our work under more favorable conditions than those afforded by the few rooms now at our disposal. Will you not help us? This means YOU! Send us your contribution now that we may plan our campaign for the coming year with the needed assurance of increased support.

MARY MORRIS LOCKWOOD,
Acting Treasurer.

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In this column an acknowledgment will be made of all contributions received during the time we have been at work.

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CONGRESSIONAL UNION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

THE Congressional Union is a large group of women living in many parts of the country. It was formed with the object of assisting the work of the Congressional Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the committee which is working to secure a Federal Suffrage amendment.

Headquarters were opened in Washington, D. C., on January 2, 1913, and since that time an unceasing campaign has been carried on in behalf of the amendment. While attention has been principally directed to the work with Congress, the Union and the committee has kept up a vigorous campaign of propaganda work.

Last summer the Union organized and conducted, under one of its organizers, a three months' campaign of indoor and outdoor meetings through Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Long Island. A month's campaign was conducted under another organizer through New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Following the campaign in Delaware, a permanent headquarters of the Union was opened at Wilmington, in that State. A month's campaign in North Carolina was conducted, during which a hearing before the State Commission on the revision of the constitution was arranged.

The Union arranged a hearing on the proposed Federal Amendment before the woman suffrage committee of the Senate. It sent a deputation to the President, before the convening of Congress, asking that suffrage be included in the program for the special session.

It organized the famous pilgrimage of petitioners to the Senate from all parts of the United States, the pilgrimages all ending in Washington on July 31st, in an automobile procession to the Captiol. Almost as notable was the procession of women representing every congressional district in the country, which marched to the Capitol on the opening day of Congress, to deliver petitions to the respective Congressmen. The procession of March 3d, however, was especially remembered for the beautiful pageant, given on the steps of the United States Treasury Building. A suffrage play, under the auspices of the Union, was so successful that it was repeated, by request, in Baltimore, for the benefit of one of the Maryland suffrage societies.

The Congressional Union is an extensive and an expensive undertaking. It has financed its various campaigns by banquets, luncheons, plays, meetings, and other entertainments, and by membership dues.

Membership in the Union is open to all women, who, believing that equal suffrage is a fundamental of democracy, consider woman suffrage the main issue in national politics. The entrance fee is 25 cents, after which no dues are named because it is known that every member will give to the limit of her ability.

If you believe in the purpose and work of the Congressional Union, fill in the following membership blank and forward it, with the 25 cents entrance fee, to Congressional Union Headquarters, 1420 F Street, Washington, D. C.

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SENATE AND HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

HISTORY OF AMENDMENT

Introduced:
In the Senate: April 7, 1913, by Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon.
In the House: April 7, 1913, by Representative Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming.
Referred:
In the Senate: April 7, 1913, to the Woman Suffrage Committee.
In the House: April 7, 1913, to the Judiciary Committee.
Reported:
In the Senate: June 13, 1913, unanimous favorable report.
Discussed:
In the Senate: July 31, 1913, twenty-three Senators in favor, three opposing.
September 18, 1913, Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, demands immediate action.
Present Status:
In the Senate: Awaiting action.
In the House: Before the Judiciary Committee.

CREATION OF A WOMAN SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE

By MRS. FRANK W. MONDELL, Wife of Representative Mondell of Wyoming

THE House of Representatives had, in the last Congress, fifty-five committees to which has been added a Committee on Roads. Many of these committees have a jurisdiction of wide extent and great importance, but I think that no one who is informed on the subject would suggest that all of the committees of the House, or a great majority of them, enjoy jurisdiction over subjects of as great permanent importance, or of as lively present public interest, as the question now being widely discussed and agitated all over the country, relating to the nation-wide enfranchisement of women.

We do not desire, however, to base our petition and request for the appointment of a Committee on Woman Suffrage solely on the proposition that the subject is one of greater importance than those included within the jurisdiction of many committees of the House. A mere reading of the list of House committees makes it clear that for reasons best known to itself, the House has seen fit to constitute a number of committees having comparatively narrow or relatively unimportant jurisdiction. We do not plead for this committee on the ground that the House has other committees less important in jurisdiction but rather on the ground—and this I desire to emphasize—that the House of Representatives has never, so far as my recollection and information goes, failed to provide by general or special committee for the study and consideration of any vitally important question that has arisen in the growth, development, and evolution of the nation.

Years ago the House provided for a Committee on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic, a subject of vital interest to all our people, and yet the jurisdiction of the nation over the alcoholic liquor traffic, outside of the question of internal revenue which still remains with the Committee on Ways and Means, compared with the combined jurisdiction of the States, is very limited. It is not long since that the House took from the Committee on Public Lands jurisdiction over the question of irrigation of certain lands, an important and highly useful jurisdiction, and yet in a certain sense quite limited and local. At the beginning of this Congress the House in its wisdom established a Committee on Roads, a subject of nation-wide interest, but only peculiarly so at this time because the country having awakened to a realization of the value of good roads, the people have demanded that Congress give the subject more detailed and definite attention separate and apart from collateral questions.

I do not refer to these particular committees by way of comparison, but because their formation emphasizes and illustrates, each in peculiar manner, the practice of the House in meeting changing conditions and increasing public interest in the subjects over which these committees were given jurisdiction.

It will no doubt be urged that the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress are fully competent and have sufficient time to consider the question of Woman Suffrage. A similar argument could have been made with equal force against the creation of the committees to which I have specifically referred as well as against the establishment of a score of committees which the House has seen fit from time to time to create.

The question of Woman Suffrage is the most important question affecting the suffrage that has been before the people of the country since the foundation of the Government; and that is equally true whether you view the question of granting the franchise to women favorably or unfavorably. Our petition is supported by the fact that the House of Representatives has never failed to make provision for the consideration, by a committee of its members selected with special regard for their knowledge and information on the subject, of any matter of as great fundamental importance and as wide and lively public interest as this question.

CONGRESSIONAL UNION CAMPAIGN

TO SPREAD Suffrage sentiment in Virginia, the Alexandria County Equal Suffrage League is preparing an active campaign which is expected to make many converts in the Old Dominion. At a meeting of the league, held at the home of Dr. Hagan, near Ballston, last Tuesday night, the president of the league, Mrs. Henry Lockwood, announced that shortly permanent headquarters will be opened in Clarendon. Mrs. Nina Allender made an address. Dr. Hagan told "What Women Have Accomplished.

Following a request by the Collegiate Club of Washington, D. C., for a speaker to address them Sunday on Suffrage, Miss Mabel Vernon chairman of meetings, assigned Miss Eliza Lord and Miss Elsie Hill to speak. Miss Lord was one of the first women ever graduated from Vassar College, and was later dean of the Western Reserve University. Miss Hill is the president of the College Equal Suffrage League. The Collegiate Club is an organization of progressive young men who are desirous of hearing the best arguments for Suffrage.

Miss Vernon addressed the Political Study Club at the Portner Friday night. Last Monday she addressed the Anne Arundel Just Government League, of which Mrs. Robert Moss is president. Members listened with much interest to Miss Vernon's account of the methods of work in Delaware where she has charge of the Congressional Union propaganda.

As an evidence of the awakening Suffrage sentiment in Delaware, the reception accorded Miss Vernon after her speech to the members of the State Grange at Milford, Del., Tuesday December 9th, is instanced. Miss Vernon was asked to address the farmers and their friends on the work of the Congressional Union and was given a rousing reception. Her speech was followed by an overwhelming vote to request Senators de Pont and Saulsbury of Delaware to vote in favor of a Federal Amendment to the Constitution giving votes to women and to request the House of Representatives Committee on Rules to create a Committee on Woman Suffrage. Miss Vernon reports that the outlook for Suffrage in Delaware is particularly bright at this time and that the question is being given earnest consideration in the farmers' institutes.

With two of her most promising pupils, Mrs. Wrenshall, of Reading, Pa., and Mrs. Fairbrother, of Roanoke, Va., Miss Vernon conducted an open-air meeting at Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest. The crowd was large, and at the end of the meeting joined heartily in the "three cheers," which Carl Browne proposed for the speakers.

Much fine campaign material has been developed in the classes at the Suffrage School and the coming year will see a number of accessions to the ranks of organizers. Good workers are imperatively needed for campaigns in States where the outlook indicates that the critical point in the fight has been reached.

Organizers keep in close touch with Headquarters, where the pulse of the country is carefully observed. The coming year will, it is believed, add new States to the bright galaxy of those which have already given votes to women.

Learning How to be a Successful Suffragist

MRS. JESSIE HARDY STUBBS ADDRESSING A CLASS AT THE SCHOOL

A ROSEATE outlook for all future Suffrage Schools in Washington is predicted from the great success attending the first one ever held in the Capital City, which is holding its final sessions this week.

Eagerness on the part of all Suffrage workers to learn the very best and latest methods of work from experts has been manifested in the large attendance at each of the sessions. Every telling point made by the speakers has been followed keenly and carefully noted by those who are desirous of becoming finished campaigners. The thoroughness with which the course was planned made it evident to all sympathizers that the death knell of haphazard methods in Suffrage work has been sounded. Even to the most minute details of public speaking, the lessons covered the ground of difficulties which the practical workers in the Suffrage field must meet.

Miss Lucy Burns, vice-chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, who conducted the school, is well pleased with the progress made by students and feels that much fine campaign material has been developed. As a climax of her work in the school, Miss Burns has taken a class of pupils to the Capitol where they have watched legislation in the making and have acquired a thorough first-hand knowledge of the process of forming public opinion into statute law.

Following their lessons in the school, two Roanoke, Va., women, Mrs. G. F. Fairbrother and Mrs. J. W. Durham, who had never been to an open-air meeting, made stirring addresses to a big crowd at Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue and sold papers and buttons on the street.

Among those who took the practical course in watching legislation with Miss Burns were: Miss Anna B. Detroiler, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Amy Hard-Castle Pattison, Easton, Md.; Mrs. J. C. Wrenshall, Jr., Reading, Pa.; Mrs. G. F. Fairbrother, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. J. H. Durham, Mrs. J. H. Whitner, Miss Whitner, and Mrs. Charles Meredith, Richmond, Va.

One of the most gratifying facts brought out by the course of lectures is the increased interest of the people of the South in Suffrage. The interest and enthusiasm of Southern women in the lectures have been notable and Southern students report a greatly quickened public sentiment in that section.

All students were expected to take part in the open-air meetings and to sell copies of THE SUFFRAGIST as a preliminary to more expert work. They developed much ingenuity in these two lines of work.

Classes were housed in the Friends' Meeting House on I Street.

As the classes were formed of those who either are organizers or wish to enter that field, the practical courses in campaign work were found the most absorbing. Mrs. Sherman Booth's course of six lectures on the "Art of Lobbying," given each morning between 11 and 12 o'clock, were filled with vital suggestions. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw's "How to Interest an Audience," caused all the note-books to be brought forth while their owners "jotted down" the points to be used in future campaigns to be waged in all parts of our country.

Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs gave an hour's discussion of the best methods of securing the publicity so needful to the Suffrage cause. Miss Janet Richards lectured on the history of "The International Movement for Woman Suffrage." Miss Constance Leupp told of "Women in Industry." Mrs. Nannette B. Paul, of the Washington College of Law, conducted the courses in parliamentary law and those on "Public Speaking and Voice Culture" were in charge of Mrs. Randolph Keith Forrest, graduate of the Sargent School of Acting.

Miss Mary Dreier, president of the Woman's Trade Union League of New York, a member of the factory investigating commission of the State of New York, created enthusiasm with the statement that the votes of women are needed to bring the humanizing element into industrial life and that this is as necessary an element for the man who works as for the woman who works. She gave a history of woman's entrance into industrial life.

Dr. Abel, Professor of History at Goucher College, Baltimore, one of the instructors of the President's second daughter, Mrs. Franc Bowes Sayre, brought to bear a wide erudition on her topic, "The Political and Property Rights of Women in the Middle Ages."

Among the well-known public men who addressed the school were: Dr. Harvey W. Wiley; Hon. Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming; Hon. J. W. Bryan, of Washington; Hon. Burton L. French, of Idaho, and Assistant Secretary of Labor, Louis Post.

Dr. Wiley told the Suffragists that no great pure food reform could be substantially successful until the housewives of the country had the power to effect the much needed legislation.

Speakers from Suffrage States made telling points in their addresses. Miss Helen Summer, statistical expert for the Federal Children's Bureau, who was selected some years ago by the College Equal Suffrage League to make a detailed investigation of the conditions in Colorado, claimed for the women voters of that State markedly beneficial influence on the policies of that State. They vote in equal numbers as the men, she said, but the greatest benefit the Suffrage has brought the State is on the temper of the women themselves. Twenty years' participation in public affairs

HON. FRANK W. MONDELL
of Wyoming

MISS JANET RICHARDS

MR. LOUIS POST
Assistant Secretary of Labor

as made them fitter companions for their husands, fathers, and sons.

Miss Mabel Vernon, of Wilmington, Del., hairman of the Congressional Union work in Delaware, gave demonstrations every evening on how to conduct street meetings. Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, wife of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, and Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent of California, made addresses on "How to Reach the Rural Voter." Miss Lavinia Dock, whose subject was social purity, said that in every State where women have been given the vote one of their first efforts was to raise the age of consent to legal majority.

The Duties of the Rules Committee

[From a Speech Made by Miss MARY BEARD, at a Hearing Before the House Rules Committee, December 3, 1913.]

GENTLEMEN of the Committee: As the men of 1776 believed they could not maintain their rights in their integrity or discharge their full duties as citizens while sovereignty lay absolutely in the crown of Great Britain, so we women today declare that the only way in which the masses of the women can be sure of performing their duties to the race properly is by the possession of the same political power that you possess, in order that they may use it in the interests of women and children, as you have used yours in the interests of men and business.

We know our duties, and we know the social and economic conditions under which they must be performed today. We know our duties, and we would perform them. That is enough to say about ourselves and our responsibilities. We have come today to talk to you about your duties, and I trust you will see nothing discourteous in the shifting of the attention from us to you. We are actuated in this change of attitude purely by the spirit of fair play. We have listened for untold generations to homilies on our duties. You, gentlemen, can afford to listen for an hour to a discussion of yours.

Your first responsibility, which I ask you to consider, is your responsibility to your party—to the Democratic Party—for it is our task to convince the majority of this committee today rather than the Republican minority. You are loyal members of the Democratic Party, and you want to maintain that party in power. I intend to show you that you can not maintain it in power unless you espouse votes for women as a party measure.

The election returns for President Wilson in 1912 revealed the fact that you are in power in Washington with so flimsy a majority that if at the very next presidential election the votes of but one-eighth of the women in the Suffrage States are changed from your support to a party that stands for Equal Suffrage, that party will supplant you in the nation.

The thirteen Southern States, which are the seat of your power, can not alone maintain you in the White House and in Congress. Unless you can win Northern support again your chances at the next election are hopeless. Now, there is not one Suffrage State or one Suffrage Campaign State of which you are at all certain. That counts out twenty States as opposed to your sure thirteen States. Are you sure of Ohio, Wisconsin, Connecticut, or Michigan, which have been Suffrage Campaign States, and which are keeping up the agitation for the enfranchisement of women? That makes twenty-three States in which Woman Suffrage is the livest issue of the day, as opposed to your thirteen Democratic strongholds. The South is not able to maintain your national supremacy in spite of its great electoral advantages. Your only hope, therefore, for the next election is to espouse a cause that is popular in all the other sections of the country. The cause of Suffrage is the obvious one for you to seize upon.

It is not enough, however, for you to accept Suffrage in 1916. You will have to make known your previous achievements as a test of competency to remain in office as the choice of the people of the whole nation. If, in the meantime, therefore, you have worked for the Federal Amendment to enfranchise women, you might justly go before the people in 1916 as a democratic party, prepared to defend the proposition that this should become what it has pretended to be, a government of the people, by the people, for the people. So much for your duty to the political party with which you are affiliated.

Your second duty, as I see it, is to the House of which you are members. Now, the prestige of that House in the popular esteem is seriously endangered. On more than one occasion in the past, public confidence in the superior representative character of your chamber has been disturbed by your failure to act with the Senate in the interest of the masses. As we look to the immediate future, we observe a new type of Senator entering the portals of the Capitol, one chosen by a wider constituency than any of your members represents, a man forced to win his election by the direct approval of large groups of people. The Senator who now comes to Washington has had to stump his State. He has had to stand for popular measures and obtain the confidence of very many classes in his State. The interests can not make him their spokesman hereafter as easily as they have done in the past. He has become the voters' man. In that respect you and he are not alike, but he now represents more voters than you, and we may, therefore, reasonably expect the voters to regard him as the broader type of representative unless you realize the impending rivalry for the confidence of the people. If, instead of becoming the provincial representatives, you awake in time to feel the pulse of public opinion, too, we may indeed look forward to a Democratic régime which will surpass any which our nation has ever experienced. The test is before you; nothing will prove to the country your recognition of your true position as representatives of the voters as conclusively as your attitude toward women and Suffrage. The Senate has appointed its committee to look after this matter. Will you do as much? The approval and confidence of the people is no insignificant asset.

I have called your attention to the relation between the Suffrage issue and the future of the Democratic Party, and the status of the House of Representatives in the popular esteem. There remains one more important consideration—your responsibility as individual Democrats, believing in majority rule, government by consent of the governed.

This, your committee, is composed of eleven men. Seven men cast the deciding vote on our appeal for the establishment of a Woman Suffrage Committee. These seven belong to the majority, the Democratic Party. One of these seven Democrats comes from a Suffrage State, Illinois, where women now have some share in directing the future of the party. Another member comes from a Suffrage Campaign State, New York, where the democracy of the State has declared itself in favor of submitting this question to the voters. He will scarcely feel that the National Democratic Party can ignore so important a declaration of the New York State section of his party. I shall, therefore, limit my examination to five gentlemen, whose point of view will in all probability decide the women's destiny in the House of Representatives, at least for the moment. Who are you, gentlemen, who hesitate to promote, if you do not actually obstruct, our progress with this amendment? In looking over various public records, I find that the honored chairman of this committee holds his strategic position as a result of the will expressed at the polls of 7,623 men. Another

of the five men comes here through the vote of 13,906 men. Another is sent by the very small group of 6,474 men, and the remaining two of the five gentlemen represent respectively 18,000 and 16,000 men. The total vote behind all five of these gentlemen is 63,570. These 63,570 voters, therefore, have the decision of this momentous question. Are they entitled to speak for the nation? We find that one man in the House of Representatives represents as many votes as all the five men who thus control our destiny. Another man from the same State represents nearly as many voters, having been elected by 54,504 Democratic men and women, Thus, 63,570 voters have the power of decision as to whether our right to be free in this country shall be discussed honestly in the House of Representatives. They send five men to express their will. Again, 117,504 voters believe in Woman Suffrage. They send two men to express their will. These five men happen to be a majority of this Committee on Rules; the two men sent by the 117,504 voters have no say at all, unless the five grant them the privilege. Is this democracy? Is this satisfactory congressional procedure?

The point of it all is this, that the Committee on Rules itself has undergone changes throughout the history of the House. You know the fight that you Democratic men put up against the procedure of the Committee on Rules under the leadership of Speaker Cannon, and you yourselves led that fight against the domination of the Committee on Rules over the House. You are in the same position today of political privilege. Can you consistently now oppose the things for which you fought so bitterly a short time ago?

Gentlemen, in the face of all this, we stand pat. It is your move.

Requests for Suffrage Speakers.

REQUESTS for suffrage speakers for meetings of outside organizations have become gratifyingly numerous at the Headquarters of the Congressional Union during the past three months. Addresses have been made before commercial clubs, collegiate clubs, and those which are merely social.

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Mrs. MacLennan may be reached daily between 6 p. m. and 7 p. m. Her address is 1330 Massachusetts Avenue; telephone address, North 4837.

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THE EDITORIAL management of THE SUFFRAGIST wishes to thank many friends who have sent cartoons and sketches to be produced in the paper. Many of these have merit—some of them great merit—but the high cost of reproducing them has prevented our making use of them. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the artists and to assure them that their kindly support of the paper is not unappreciated.

Our thanks are also due to many who have sent verses. Our limited space forbids our publishing any matter which does not have a direct bearing on the fight for the Federal Amendment. Neither prose nor verse which merely advocates votes for women in a general way can be used in THE SUFFRAGIST while it continues its present size.

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